

June 14, 2002

## **Public Notice for 401 Certification**

### **Starr Creek Tributary #7 Bypass**

On April 10, 2002 the Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Mr. Wilhelm Daida, on behalf of the Town of Windsor, requesting approval for disturbances to waters of the State (wetlands) and other water quality impacts associated with the development of the proposed project.

As proposed, the project will impact 0.005 acre of streambed in the Starr Creek Tributary. The project is located within the Town of Windsor on the west side of the Northwestern Railroad right-of-way. The proposal includes the construction of approximately 1300 linear feet of 54" underground storm drain, 400 linear feet of ancillary 18" storm drains, an inlet structure, an outlet structure, and manholes; the undergrounding of approximately 40 linear feet of channel that is currently above ground; the replacement of an existing 36" culvert with a 54" culvert; improvements to curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and roadways; and the relocation of existing utility facilities.

Construction is proposed to take place beginning June 14, 2002 and continuing until August 23, 2002 in order to avoid erosion problems and other water quality impacts that would be more prevalent during the winter months (as well as to avoid construction during the school year). Proposed mitigation for the project includes adherence to the Town of Windsor Tree Preservation and Protection Ordinance, which calls for replacement of any Protected trees.

A Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration was created on March 7, 2001 by the Town of Windsor; a 1601 Streambed Alteration Agreement application was submitted to the California Department of Fish and Game on May 11, 2001; and a Federal Nationwide Permit Number 31 application was submitted to the Army Corps of Engineers on March 4, 2001.

At this time the Regional Water Quality Control Board is in the process of reviewing the proposed project regarding the issuance of the 401 Certification Permit. In addition, the Regional Water Quality Control Board will consider all comments received during a 21-day comment period that begins on the first date of issuance of this letter. If you have any questions or comments, please contact staff member Lauren Hocker by email at [hockl@rb1.swrcb.ca.gov](mailto:hockl@rb1.swrcb.ca.gov), or send comments to NCRWQCB, 5550 Skyline Blvd., Suite A, Santa Rosa, CA 95403.